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Obama scraps Moscow summit with Putin



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Wednesday scrapped a Moscow summit with Russia's Vladimir Putin, with the White House citing a lack of progress in relations and 'disappointment' over the Edward Snowden affair.

The rare decision to cancel the talks set for next month came after Obama accused the Russians of slipping back "into a Cold War mentality," in an interview aired late

Tuesday.

Washington however did not slam the door on cooperation with Russia, noting that a meeting of foreign and defense ministers scheduled for later this week would go ahead as planned in the US capital.

In Moscow, the Kremlin said it was "disappointed" with the decision, saying Washington was not ready to build ties with Russia on an "equal basis," and insisted the invitation to Obama still stands.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said that while the United States valued what had been accomplished with Russia in Obama's first term, especially on Afghanistan and North Korea, there had not been enough progress to warrant a summit in early September.

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Looking for volunteers at voting booths

Aruba has set aside September 27 as Election Day when the people of this island will vote for new members of Parliament. In connection with the election procedure, the government has issued a bulletin informing all persons interested in serving as members at election booths

to indicate their interest and willingness to serve by submitting their names.

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For those who missed the first day of the meat festival! Do not worry! The Meat festival goes on till August 11 from 12 to 7 p.m. where Ling & Sons, the #1 supermarket will feature a different restaurant every day. Still to present at the Meat festival are: White Modern Cuisine, Amazonia and Waka Waka Adventure café & cantine.

To stay up to date with all the latest details on the nice to meat u festival visit facebook page "Ling and Sons IGA"

Island official report encouraging numbers regarding Aruba's tourism revenue



PM Eman and Minister Oduber at airport

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman was joined by the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, in delivering gratifying growth statistics on Aruba tourism revenue since 2009. After 7 months into the year 2013, the numbers reveal a distinct increase in revenues, one of the most important aspects in evaluating Aruba's tourism performance. Increased visitors do not always mean in-

creased income, if major resorts are offer heavily discounted rates to attract visitors.

Aruba is showing a decided increase in both over last year, with 13,175 more arrivals from North America, a 3.65% increase over last year at this time. Though Europe shows a decrease of 2.73% from 2012, the drastic increase in Latin American tourism by 19.31%, and addi-

tional 19,044 arrivals from the southern continent more than compensates for the 1,195 drop of European tourists.

Overall tourism growth since 2009 totals 15%, with a very satisfying increase of 9% to the Average Daily Revenues (ADR) and 24% to the RevPAR (Revenues per available rooms.)

The new figures were related during a news conference at Aruba's Reina Beatrix International Airport, as the administrators pointed out the terminals integral role in augmenting the island's tourism income, and to showcase the efforts to impress arriving travelers from the moment they land, and again at departure.

The announcement was made yesterday afternoon, in conjunction with a visit from the Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO). Minister Oduber related the CTO executives expressed they consider

Aruba a leader in the region in not only marketing our tourism product, but also striving to continually improve upon it. While the rest of the region has shown steady decreases in their statistics, Aruba has demonstrated consistent growth.

Minister Oduber expressed these positive results are due to the efforts of every

person, vendor and organization on Aruba working "in the front lines," and always seeking to deliver to island visitors the optimal vacation experience.

He expressed his gratitude to all those who have made this steady growth possible.

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Identity pill at Ateliers '89 tonight!



Nelson Gonzalez

Identity Pill is the latest proposal by the artist Nelson Gonzalez. The pre-production and investigation part of this project started years ago. What Nelson Gonzalez is trying to document with his works are forms of cultural transmissions, the immigrant life and integration into the system and culture. Nelson was born in Venezuela and after visiting several European and Latin American countries he settled in Aruba. In the development of Nelson's artwork many 'frontiers' were explored, "Identity Pill" is one of these.

Identity Pill explores the journey of "Inburgering" which means nothing more than one thing turning into another. It is the same name given to the process of natu-

ralization in the Dutch system. The artist uses metaphors and cliché symbols to express his ideas, views and messages. The artist creates, using different techniques and media such as Video art, collage, digital print, paintings, sculptures and textile.

Nelson Gonzalez, born in Maracaibo in 1979, grew up in an artistic family. As a little boy he used to play in his mother's studio a lot and it is here where his education actually began. At the age of 7 he was enrolled at the "Centro Cultural Carlos Parra Bernal" where he developed a passion for visual arts. He continued at the institute "Escuela de arte Plasticas Julio Arraga" where he obtained his Bachelor, specialization painting and design. He also specialized in Photography at the same institute and Pedagogy, Expression and Creativity under the professional guidance of Dr. Victor Fuenmayor.

After presenting his project 'Milkdrops in curacao Nelson is back on the island to present his latest work.

Atelier '89 is proud to present this latest project from Nelson. There will be a DJ, snacks and drinks starting at 7:30 p.m. today.

So everyone is invited to come and get to know Nelson Gonzalez and enjoy his newest project Identity Pill.

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Government inaugurates new Plaza Juan Portugues



An atmosphere of jubilation dominated last Sunday in front of Flor De Oriente in Oranjestad. The occasion was

the inauguration of the area as Plaza Juan Portugues, dedicated to Joao de Freitas, better known as Juan Portugues.

Family, friends and employees gathered together for the grand moment.

The Prime Minister along



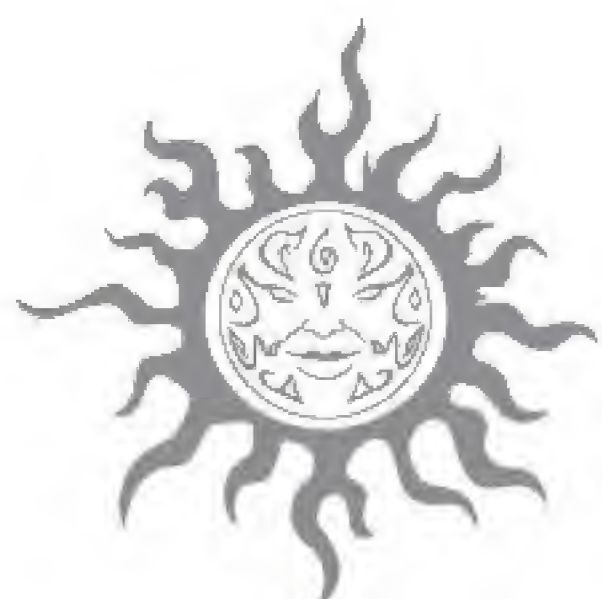
with Minister Sievinger and Pepi de Freitas unveiled the signpost amidst much applause for the recognition to a well deserving immigrant of our island. Joao de Freitas became an important entrepreneur, pioneer for his countrymen as well as for the Aruban community.

Pepi de Freitas spoke on behalf of his family and expressed his gratitude for this tremendous recognition by the government. The building was built by Joao himself many years ago and still stands intact. Today, on account of his health, Pepi is unable to continue running the business and so has this

rented out.

The Prime Minister remarked that it is with satisfaction that they dedicate the place as Plaza Juan Portugues giving recognition for the example and values imparted by the de Freitas family first to their own family and subsequently to the Aruban community who to this day still enjoy meeting there for chit-chat and friendly encounters.

The Prime Minister congratulated the de Freitas family as well as the Aruban community for acquiring yet another place where people can meet and enjoy friendship and comradeship.



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Team Aruba continues strong pursuit

MEMPHIS, Tn. -- Driver of the Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang, Trevor Eman, has had a lot on his mind lately, not the least of which was tying the knot with long-time girlfriend Nicole. Just one short week after saying "I do" Eman and Team Aruba were back at the track, continuing their pursuit of an ADRL Extreme Pro Stock Championship at the Memphis Drags.

"Our racecar was just awesome all weekend long," told Eman. "The Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang made it down the track every single time. I give the whole team a lot of credit for having an awesome set up each and every run, but I also have to give credit to the Traction Twins. They did an excellent

job on giving us all a superb racing surface. There was no inequality between lanes."

Team Aruba qualified in the top half of the field with a 4.108, only .013 off the top spot. With Mother Nature's interference, eliminations were postponed until Sunday. Despite the ever-changing conditions, Team Aruba had their Mustang dialed in all weekend long. Eman's round one opponent, Cary Goforth, went .001 red, but the Aruba.com Mustang wasn't going to be an easy competitor regardless, with Eman's .024 light and 4.10 elapsed time - quickest for the round. In round two Eman lined up against John Montecalvo.

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Diamonds International Aruba gives back to the community



Once again this year Diamonds International Aruba's employees joined forces and collected funds amongst themselves to help out two children in need to help purchase all of their back to school supplies and uniforms.

We were all highly moved to see the big smiles on these children's faces once they received their backpacks filled with all of their supplies, uniforms, sneakers and their tuitions were all paid in full.

"Adopt A Child" is a program founded to help out the children of Aruba who live in poverty and do not have the resources to purchase their back to school supplies and

pay for their tuition. Every year local companies 'adopt' a number of children to help out in the quest to better the future of our children.

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Team Aruba continues strong pursuit

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Again, the team made the right calls for conditions, going right down Broadway at a 4.125 while Montecalvo was forced to lift. Team Aruba was again quickest for the round in the semi finals, laying down a 4.137. Unfortunately, Eman turned it red, leaving just .008 too early, ending their day, but regaining some ground in Championship points. Eman is now fourth in points, and has secured his spot for the Shootout held at the next event- Dragstock X, Sept 6-8 at Rockingham Dragway.

"I must also say," continued Eman, "that I am very happy the race became a Friday/Saturday race, because with all the rain that came in on Saturday, we were still able to finish the race on Sunday. That does not happen when races are contested on a Saturday/Sunday weekend. It would be my hope that the ADRL switch the last two races to Friday/Saturday weekends, and also consider that for the 2014 season.

"Besides just great racing going on this past weekend, it was an even greater weekend

for me personally as it has been a week now that my longtime girlfriend, Nicole and I got married. We got married the weekend before [July 27th] and even though we should have probably been on a honeymoon somewhere, we went racing.

"The team and I would like to congratulate Doug Kirk on winning the race and also would like them to know that they will be in our thoughts when Doug's Father, Mr. Kirk, goes in for a liver transplant operation on Friday. That must have certainly been on Doug's mind all weekend, but he proved that the pressure was not going to stop him from winning the race. Good job Kirk family!"

Keep up with Team Aruba at www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing and on Twitter @TeamArubaRacing.

Find race results, team updates, videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba!

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Top Venezuelan court rejects opposition's vote appeal

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's top court on Wednesday rejected opposition leader Henrique Capriles' appeal following the contested presidential vote that brought Hugo Chavez's handpicked successor to power.

Official results from the April 14 elections gave Nicolas Maduro a razor-thin margin of just 1.5 percent over Capriles.

"The appeal has been declared inadmissible," announced Gladys Gutierrez, president of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice (TSJ).

The opposition filed the 10-point appeal three months ago arguing that the vote, held in the wake of longtime leader Chavez's death in March, was marred by fraud.

Among other things, Gutierrez said the plaintiffs did not offer "sufficient proof" to back up their allegations.

In a biting tweet, Capriles lamented the "admissible lack of justice" in Venezuela and criticized "government corruption."

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"Russia's disappointing decision to grant Edward Snowden temporary asylum was also a factor that we considered in assessing the current state of our bilateral relationship," Carney said.

The White House had for weeks hinted that the summit on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit in Saint Petersburg was in doubt, as ties with Russia deteriorated.

Moscow last week granted a year's temporary asylum to Snowden, a former US intelligence contractor who revealed the existence of US electronic surveillance programs that scoop phone and Internet data on a global scale.

Snowden -- who is facing espionage charges in the United States and whose passport has been revoked -- was last week allowed to relocate to a secret safe house after being marooned in Moscow's airport for five weeks.

Other troublesome issues in the US-Russia relationship include Moscow's support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and a split over how to deal with Iran over its nuclear program.

The White House said Obama still planned to attend the G20 summit on September 5-6, and announced he would visit Stockholm before heading to Russia.

Come to church to escape the heat, says Austrian Church

VIENNA (AFP) - Austria's Catholic Church is trying a new strategy to attract the faithful: advertising its churches as places to cool off in a record heatwave.

As Austrians sweltered in temperatures close to 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit), Catholic news agency

Kathpress surveyed the country's houses of worship Tuesday to find the coolest one.


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CIA official: Syria war biggest threat to US security



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The war in Syria poses the greatest threat to US security because of the risk of the government falling and the country becoming a weapons-rich haven for Al-Qaeda, a CIA official says.

CIA second-in-command Michael Morell gave the assessment in an interview published Tuesday by the Wall Street Journal as he prepares to retire after 33 years with the agency.

Morell said there are now more foreign fighters flowing into Syria each month to take up arms with Al-Qaeda-affiliated groups than there were going to Iraq to fight with Al-Qaeda at the height of the war there.

The Syrian government's weapons "are going to be up

for grabs and up for sale" as they were in Libya when Moamer Kadhafi fell, he added.

"It's probably the most important issue in the world today," he said of the war in Syria, "because of where it is currently heading" -- toward the fall of the government of President Bashar al-Assad, according to Morell.

Morell also said the violence in Syria has the potential to spill across borders into Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Morell told the Journal that second on his list was Iran, followed by the global Al-Qaeda threat, North Korea, and cyberwarfare.

On Al-Qaeda, he said the United States had "significantly degraded" the group's capabilities in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

But the terror network has also scored victories, such as its dispersal, which he said has spread its ideology and global reach.

Morell will be replaced by Avril Haines, a 43 year old White House lawyer.

US, EU urge return to democracy in Egypt

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States and the European Union on Wednesday urged Egypt's battling political factions and dominant military to agree a path for a return to democratic rule.

Last month's overthrow of Egypt's elected Islamist president Mohamed Morsi by the military embarrassed Western leaders already struggling to adapt their policies in the wake of the Arab Spring revolts.

Diplomatic attempts to broker a negotiated settlement in Egypt, the Arab world's most populous nation, have made no headway and now the military risks provoking further violence by ordering its opponents off the streets. Washington and Brussels sent envoys -- US Deputy Secretary of State William Burns and EU Special Representative Bernadino Leon -- to Cairo to talk to the army-imposed interim government and to its Muslim Brotherhood opponents.

But their outreach was rebuffed, and on Wednesday US Secretary of State John Kerry and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton released a joint statement.

"While further violent confrontations have thus far been avoided, we remain concerned and troubled that government and opposition leaders have not yet found a way to break a dangerous stalemate and agree to implement tangible confidence building measures," they said. "The Egyptian government bears a special responsibility to begin this process to ensure the safety and welfare of its citizens," the statement continued.



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Al-Qaeda 'conference call' prompted US alert: report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An intercepted conference call between Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and his top operatives was prompted the United States to close its Middle East diplomatic missions, according to a report Wednesday.

Online journal The Daily Beast, citing US intelligence sources, said more than 20 Al-Qaeda operatives from across the militant group's global network were on the call.

AFP was not immediately able to confirm the report.

In the call, Zawahiri reportedly named the head of the Al-Qaeda branch in

Yemen, Nasser al-Wuhayshi, as the operational controller of the group's affiliates throughout the Muslim world.

"This was like a meeting of the Legion of Doom," the Daily Beast quoted a US intelligence officer as saying, referring to a coalition of villains in the cartoon "Super Friends."

Taking part in the call were representatives of Nigeria's Boko Haram, the Pakistani Taliban, Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, and other more obscure affiliates and aspiring affiliates such as Al-Qaeda in the Sinai Peninsula, the report said.

The United States took the unusual step of closing some 25 diplomatic missions in the Muslim world on Sunday, and then extending the closure for a week at 19 of them, in response to what was said was as a credible and imminent threat of a major Al-Qaeda attack.

Earlier news reports had said the warning had come from a US intercept of a conversation between Zawahiri and al-Wuhayshi.

The Daily Beast said that during the conference call the Al-Qaeda leaders discussed in vague terms plans for a pending attack, and mentioned that a team or teams were already in place.

US extends Myanmar gem ban

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Wednesday renewed a ban on the import of gems from Myanmar, hoping to choke off a funding source for the powerful military after broader sanctions ended. President Barack Obama, who has otherwise normalized relations with Myanmar to reward its democratic reforms, issued an executive order to maintain a ban on rubies and jadeite.

Obama honors Africa attack victims on 15th anniversary

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama paid tribute Wednesday to victims of the 1998 terror attacks against the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Obama vowed to prevent such attacks in the future, speaking amid new threats of an Al-Qaeda attack that have forced the closure of some 20 American embassies or consulates in the Middle East and Africa.

"On this day, we honor the families of the twelve Americans who lost their lives, and we join with the people and governments of Kenya and Tanzania honoring the sacrifices of the African victims of this heinous act," Obama said in a statement issued on the 15th anniversary of the twin bombings.

The almost simultaneous blasts by Al-Qaeda militants left more than 200 people dead and more than 5,000 wounded.

Mugabe says election victory a blow to Western foes

HARARE (AFP) - Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe on Wednesday declared his recent election victory a blow against Western powers which he accused of plotting to topple him using the opposition.

"We are very happy that we have dealt the enemy a blow, and the enemy is not (opposition leader Morgan) Tsvangirai," Mugabe said in his first public remarks since winning a landslide victory in



elections a week ago.

"Tsvangirai is a mere part of the enemy. The enemy is he who is behind Tsvangirai. Who is behind the MDC?

The British and their allies. Those are the ones who were the real enemies."

Mugabe has often accused Western powers, particularly Zimbabwe's former colonial master Britain, of harbouring plans to depose him using the opposition as a front.

Zimbabwe's electoral commission declared Mugabe winner with 61 percent of the vote, while three-time presidential hopeful Tsvangirai garnered 34 percent.



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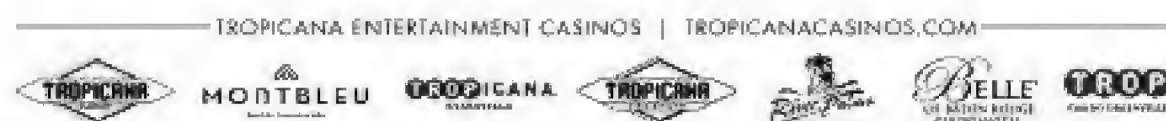
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Japan says battle to stop nuclear plant leaks 'urgent'

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's prime minister Wednesday said Tokyo would get more involved in cleaning up the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant, as he described as "urgent" a battle to stop radioactive water from leaking into the ocean.

The government's more prominent role comes as critics attack plant operator Tokyo Electric Power and its handling of the more than two-year-old atomic crisis, the worst nuclear accident in a generation.

The embattled utility -- kept afloat by a government bail out -- last month admitted for the first time that radioactive groundwater had been leaking outside the plant, confirming long-held suspicions of ocean contamination from its shattered reactors.

It has since said tainted water has been escaping into



the Pacific for more than two years.

On Wednesday, an official at Japan's industry ministry said Tokyo estimates a whopping 300 tonnes of contaminated water from a newly discovered leak site may be seeping into the ocean daily.

A French expert said the environmental risk posed by the leaks was small compared to

the overall radioactive contamination from the disaster.

The leaks however have triggered fresh worries over the plant's precarious state and TEPCO's ability to deal with a growing list of problems after its reactors were swamped by a tsunami in March 2011, sending them into meltdown.

The company has also faced widespread criticism over its lack of transparency in making critical information public since the disaster.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said his government would beef up efforts to help with the expected decades-long clean up, which has largely been left to TEPCO to handle.

His Liberal Democratic Party wants to restart the country's reactors, which were switched off in the wake of the crisis, if their safety can be assured.

Tokyo would now help foot the bill, Abe said, the first time that it has committed extra funds to deal with the growing problem.

The vast utility is already facing billions of dollars in clean-up and compensation costs over the accident.



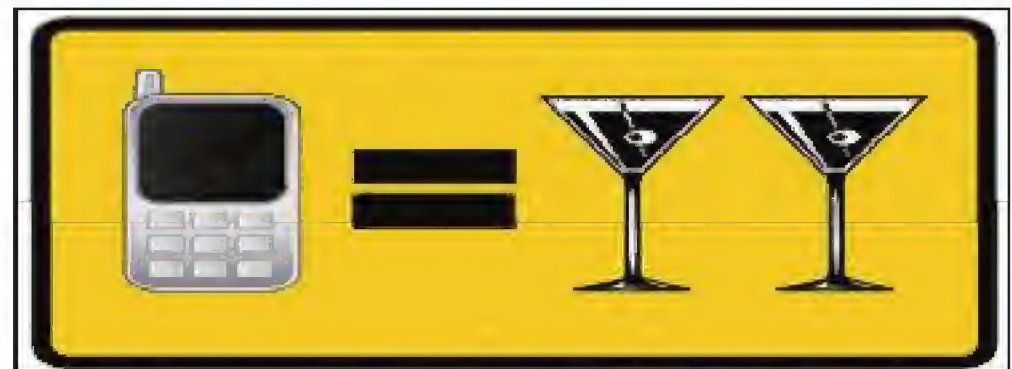
HERAT (AFP) : A former Taliban fighter looks on during a ceremony after joining Afghan government forces in Herat yesterday. About 100,000 foreign combat troops, 68,000 of them from the US, are due to exit by the end of 2014, and NATO formally transferred responsibility for nationwide security to Afghan forces a week ago.



La Linea de la Concepción (AFP) : Motorists queue at the border crossing between Spain and Gibraltar in La Linea de la Concepcion on Wednesday. Gibraltar on August 5 blasted a Spanish threat to impose a 50-euro (\$66) car toll at the border with the tiny British-held territory as North Korean-style "sabre rattling". It was the latest in a string of spats going back decades between Spain and Gibraltar, frequently sparked by disputes over fishing rights around the British outpost that Madrid wants to reclaim as its own.



NAIROBI (AFP) - : Firmen climb a ladder as smoke billows from the terminal at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi on yesterday. A massive fire shut down Nairobi's international airport today with flights diverted to regional cities as firefighters battled to put out the blaze in east Africa's biggest transport hub.





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Namibia drought threatens 400,000 with hunger: govt

WINDHOEK (AFP) - A severe drought that sparked a state of emergency in Namibia has left 400,000 people facing hunger, the government said.

The government has been criticised for failing to do enough to provide relief to people during the worst dry spell to hit the country in decades.

But the chairman of the Disaster Risk Management Committee defended the government's performance as he announced the new figure late Tuesday.

Namibia is the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa, and only two percent of land receives sufficient rainfall to grow crops.

The southern African country has seen several droughts in the recent decades.

The number of people at risk from hunger has risen from 300,000 in May, when President Hifikepunye Pohamba declared a state of emergency.

In May, the government started handing out maize meal bags to rural areas in a central part of the country and authorities are appealing for international support.

Unicef says more than 778,000 people including 109,000 children under the age of five are at risk of malnutrition.

The organisation says it needs about \$22 million (about 17,000 euros) to support those people.

The dry spell has destroyed grazing land and raised concerns about the country's spectacular wildlife, which attracts vital tourist income.

Researchers propose new experiments on mutant bird flu

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists proposed new experiments Wednesday on the deadly H7N9 bird flu to examine how mutant forms might spread among humans, a topic that has stoked global alarm in the past.

The announcement came a day after Chinese scientists reported the first likely case of person-to-person transmission of the H7N9 virus, which has killed 43 of the 134 people infected since March.

US health authorities said any H7N9 experiments that seek US funding would undergo a new, strict safety review, after concerns over such research on another bird flu,

H5N1, in December 2011 raised fears that terrorists could unleash a virulent lab-grown strain and cause mass deaths.

Those concerns led to a year-long halt to the research being led by Ron Fouchier of Erasmus Medical Center in The Netherlands and US colleagues in Wisconsin.

That voluntary moratorium was lifted earlier this year by a group of 40 scientists around the world.

The latest proposal by Fouchier and 21 colleagues in Hong Kong, Britain and the United States is to examine how H7N9 may spread among mammals and may become

more potent and drug-resistant.

This "gain of function" (GOF) research is "necessary and should be done" to better understand how the virus could act in the future, Fouchier and colleagues said in a letter published in the US journal Science and the British journal Nature.

US health authorities said any experiments that boost the virus's ability to jump between mammals would face "extra oversight" and "an additional level of review" by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The research is urgent because the H7N9 virus has some characteristics in com-

mon with human flu viruses and others like H5N1 that have adapted to transfer from birds to mammals, Fouchier and colleagues said.

H7N9 also shows signs of resistance to the main medical treatment, Tamiflu, and other neuraminidase inhibitors such as peramivir and zanamivir, which "could increase the risk of serious outcomes," the scientists wrote.

US health authorities said their review process would "consider the acceptability of these experiments in light of potential scientific and public health benefits as well as biosafety and biosecurity risks."

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First likely case of H7N9 bird flu spread by humans reported

PARIS (AFP) - Chinese scientists on Wednesday reported the first likely case of direct person-to-person transmission of the H7N9 bird flu virus that has killed over 40 people since March.

The development was "worrying" and should be closely watched, the team wrote in the British online journal *bmj.com*, but stressed that the virus, believed to jump from birds to people, was still inadequate at spreading among humans.

Scientists have long feared the virus would mutate into a form that transmits easily from person to person.

In the new study, Bao and a team report on the case of a 60-year-old man who died in hospital after contracting the H7N9 virus, which he apparently transmitted to his daughter.

The 32-year-old woman, who had nursed her father for over a week, also died in hospital.

She had had no access to potentially infected poultry, leading investigators to conclude that the "most likely explanation" for her illness was direct virus transmission from her father, who had regularly visited live poultry markets.



Despite this apparent evidence of direct transmission, the virus's transmissibility remained "limited and non-sustainable," said the paper. None of 43 other people who had had close contact with the two patients, including hospital staff, contracted the virus.

The scientists noted they had been unable to interview the two critically ill patients and could not definitively rule out the possibility that the daughter picked up the virus somewhere else, although this seemed "less likely".

Official figures released last month said the H7N9 virus had made 132 people ill in mainland China since the first human cases were reported in March, of which 43 died. One case was recorded in Taiwan.

A study in June warned that

a lull in new infections may lift in the autumn.

The results of a lab study published in the US journal *Science* in May showed the H7N9 strain can spread among mammals, specifically ferrets, and could do the same between humans under certain conditions.

H7 influenza viruses comprise a group that normally circulate among birds, of which H7N9 forms a subgroup that had never been found in humans until the Chinese outbreak.

Odd cases of human-to-human transmission had also been reported in other bird flu types like H5N1 and H7N7 -- none of which has mutated into an easily spreadable form, and so to see it in H7N9 was not surprising.

All tainted milk powder off the shelves: Fonterra CEO



WELLINGTON (AFP) - New Zealand dairy giant Fonterra moved to assure parents Wednesday that tainted baby formula which has sparked global safety recalls has all been removed from retailer's shelves.

No products containing a potentially deadly bug, which were distributed from China to Saudi Arabia, were in the shops, Fonterra chief executive Theo Spierings said.

Authorities have been

scrambling to collect cans of formula since Fonterra revealed last Saturday that they contained a whey product contaminated with a bacteria that can cause botulism.

Spierings said there had been no reported cases of children falling sick after consuming the formula but acknowledged the scare had dented Fonterra and New Zealand's reputation in Asia for producing safe, top-quality foods.

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17. Essential
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3. Most wonderful
4. Elizabethan again!" (2 wds.)
5. Fall behind
6. Agnes de ____
7. Draft status (hyph.)
8. "Milk" star (2 wds.)
9. Fish-stick fish
10. Parts of it.
12. Small valleys
18. Fore and ____
20. 1939 outbreak
22. "Ready, ____, fire!"
23. Sailboat
25. Mitch Miller's instrument
26. Make trimming
27. Crude minerals
28. Tulsa's state
30. Pointy tool
33. "By Jove!"
36. Mama sheep
38. Off killer
39. "Simpsons" character Flanders
41. Clear up
43. Rod's companion
45. To be (Fr.)
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47. Sole
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49. Grand Old Party (abbr.)
51. Vincent ____ Gogh
52. Actress Balin

21. Snow crystal
24. Soldier's address (abbr.)
26. Dustin Hoffman film
29. Singer McEntire
31. Noah's transport
32. NYC transit org.
34. This moment
35. Prefix for phone
37. TV frequency
40. Observed
41. Humiliate
42. Comic book star, often
44. Like Mr. Right
48. "Here ____

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Bid levels slip in 10 year Treasury auction

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Treasury sold \$24 million in 10 year notes Wednesday with the yield in line with market rates as investors increasingly expect the Federal Reserve to reel in its stimulus.

The high yield was 2.62 percent, but the bid-to-cover ratio fell to 2.54, compared to the average for the last six auctions of 2.74, and the lowest

since March 2009, according to Nomura Securities.

Non-dealers picked up 61.5 percent of the offer, and demand from indirect bidders rose to 46.3 percent.

"Fed tapering and bond fund outflow fears could be contributing to the recent drop in B/C ratio as some funds and dealers bid less aggressively," said Nomura.

After the results were announced the market yield on the 10 year bond fell to 2.59 percent, compared to 2.64 percent late Tuesday.

Toyota to recall 342,000 US trucks to fix seat belts

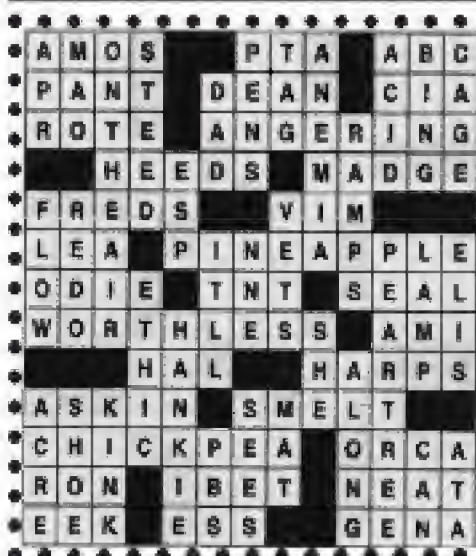
CHICAGO (AFP) - Toyota will recall 342,000 Tacoma pickup trucks in the United States to fix a defect with the seat belt, the Japanese automaker said Wednesday.

Screws within the seat belt assembly "can become loose over time due to repeatedly and forcefully closing the access door," Toyota said in a statement.

If the screws get too loose the seat belt pretensioner and retractor spring cover could detach.

The recall affects 2004 to 2011 model years. Letters will be sent to affected customers and the repairs will be made at no charge.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



FINANCE

Android smartphones rise as iPhone slips: IDC

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Smartphones powered by Google's Android software increased their global market share as iPhones lost ground in the absence of new models being unleashed by Apple, the International Data Corporation reported Wednesday.

Android's share of the smartphone market grew to 79.3 percent in the second quarter while that of iPhone slipped to 13.2 percent from 16.6 percent in the same three-month period last year, according to IDC figures.

"The iOS decline in the second quarter aligns with the cyclical nature of iPhone," said IDC mobile phone research team manager Ramon Llamas, referring to the software platform on which the Apple handsets are built.

"Without a new product launch since the debut of the iPhone 5 nearly a year ago, Apple's market share was vulnerable to product launches from the competition."

Apple is "well positioned" to recapture market share with the release later this year of a

new iPhone and the next-generation iOS mobile operating system, according to Llamas.

IDC reported that 187 million Android-powered smartphones were shipped in the second quarter of the year as compared to 31.2 million iPhones.

Smartphones powered by Microsoft Windows software showed the biggest jump, hitting 3.7-percent of the market in a 77.6 percent rise that "reinforced" the mobile platform's third-place position, according to IDC.

The gain was driven by Nokia, which released hot new Windows smartphones and accounted for just shy of 82 percent of the 8.7 million Windows phones shipped worldwide during the quarter.

"Last quarter we witnessed Windows Phone shipments



surpassing BlackBerry and the trend has continued into the second quarter," said IDC mobility tracker program manager Ryan Reith.

"Nokia has clearly been the driving force behind the Windows Phone platform, and we expect that to continue."

Ailing BlackBerry saw its share of the global smartphone market shrink to 2.9 percent from 4.9 percent in the second quarter last year, IDC reported.

A total of 236.4 million smartphones were shipped during the quarter in a 51.3 percent rise from the 156.2 million shipped in the same period a year earlier, according to IDC.

Android retained its crown as the top smartphone platform in the United States in the quarter with 59 percent of the market, the same as the prior quarter, a report released Tuesday by comScore indicated.

California-based Apple remained the most popular smartphone maker in the United States and its share of that market was up slightly to 39.9 percent from the first three months of this year, according to comScore.

US stocks lower after Nikkei plunges

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks moved lower for a third straight day Wednesday, following a 4 percent drop in Japan's Nikkei 225 index and declines in several other foreign markets.

About 40 minutes into trade, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 84.78 (0.55 percent) to 15,433.96.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 10.40 (0.61 percent) to 1,636.97, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index declined 22.27 (0.61 percent) to 3,643.50.

US equity markets have declined modestly the last two days amid more indications that the US Federal Reserve could trim back its bond-buying program in the coming months.

The plunge in Japanese stocks came during a two-day meeting of the Bank of Japan and as the yen rose against the dollar. Indices in Britain and Germany were also lower Wednesday.

Dow component Walt Disney Company fell 2.6 percent after signalling that it would incur a \$160-\$190 million charge in the next quarter due

to the flop of its expensive "Lone Ranger" film.

Time Warner, another US media giant, jumped 2.1 percent after besting earnings expectations on strong earnings on movie blockbusters "Man of Steel" and "The Great Gatsby." The company also raised its full-year profit forecast.

Meanwhile 21st Century Fox, reporting for the first time since being hived off from Rupert Murdoch's News Corp publishing assets, gained 1.4 percent after reporting a 2013 profit of \$7.1 billion, up from \$1.2 billion in 2012, on strength in its cable television offerings.

Technology company AOL tacked on 2.7 percent after announcing a \$405 million acquisition of video advertising firm Adap.tv.

Dow component Bank of America fell 1.5 percent after the Department of Justice sued the banking giant for alleged fraud in issuing \$350 million in mortgage securities.

Natural gas processing and storage firm Oneok dropped 3.1 percent to \$49.90 after pricing a public offering of 10

million shares at \$49.61 a share. The money will go for general purposes and to repay debt.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury slipped to 2.63 percent from 2.64 percent Tuesday, while the 30-year dropped to 3.71 percent from 3.73 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

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Uruguay leader mulls legal marijuana 'experiment'

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Uruguay wants to make a "contribution to humanity" by legalizing marijuana but will backtrack if the "experiment" goes awry, President Jose Mujica told AFP in an exclusive interview.

Mujica said he sees his country as a potential test case for an idea slowly gaining steam across Latin America -- that the legalization and regulation of some drugs could sap the cartel violence devastating much of the region.

"Like any experiment, naturally, there are risks, and we have to understand that if they prove too much for us then we must backtrack. We do not have to be fanatics," Mujica said.

Last week a bill to have the government control and regulate marijuana sales and distribution was passed by the lower house of Uruguay's legislature.

The bill, which is backed by Mujica's leftist government, now awaits action by



the Senate.

By putting the government in charge of the marijuana industry, which is estimated to be worth \$30-40 million a year, the bill aims to curtail illegal trafficking and the violence that comes with it.

But opposition parties are against the idea and a poll released last week said so are

63 percent of Uruguayans.

Many opponents fear the legalization of cannabis would turn Uruguay into a pot tourism hub and encourage the use of stronger drugs.

Mujica counters that the current policies have failed, citing both the moral and financial expense of the war on drugs.

He estimates that Uruguay, a small country with just 3.3 million people, spends upwards of \$80 million a year on combatting drugs but seizes just \$4-5 million worth of contraband.

"As a business this would be a disaster, if you look at it purely from an economic standpoint," he said.

"From a moral point of view it's much worse, because the violence consumes a lot of people who have nothing to do with it," he said.

Uruguay is hardly the worst-hit by drug violence. In Mexico warring cartels have killed tens of thousands of people since 2006 and homicides have skyrocketed across much of Central America.

Guatemala's president has called for drug legalization, a vision shared by ex-presidents in Brazil, Mexico and Colombia but opposed by the United States and Mexico.

Mujica insists he does not want to totally liberalize marijuana, but merely bring it under strict official control, adding that he would be in favor of tough prison sentences for anyone cultivating unregistered cannabis.

Mujica also says he is not defending marijuana use or ignoring the problem of drug addiction. He declined to say whether he would eventually consider the legalization of harder drugs.

US kidnap victim watches house of horror demolition



CHICAGO (AFP) - One of three women held captive, beaten and raped in an Ohio home for more than a decade watched as the house of horrors was demolished Wednesday.

"For the love of the missing people," Michelle Knight, 32, shouted as a small crowd joined her in releasing yellow balloons before a wrecking crew reduced the white ramshackle home to rubble.

The demolition in Cleveland came days after her tormentor, Ariel Castro, was sentenced to life in prison plus more than 1,000 years.

Lured into the car of a man they knew as the father of a friend or classmate at the ages of 20, 16, and 14, the women suffered beatings and repeated rapes.

The case came to light after

Amanda Berry, 27, managed to escape with her six-year-old daughter by calling out to a neighbor for help through a locked front door on May 6.

More than 92 pounds (42 kilos) of chains were found in the filthy, darkened home where the women were kept in locked rooms with boarded up windows.

"I feel very liberated that people think of me as a hero and a role model and I would love continuing to be that," Knight told reporters as she held a sign she'd made for other missing people declaring "you are loved never forgotten."

Victim Gina DeJesus, 23, was represented by an aunt who manned the excavator controls for the first dig into the two and a half storey wooden home in a working class neighborhood of Cleveland.

US actor Dustin Hoffman was treated for cancer: spokeswoman

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US actor Dustin Hoffman, 75, has undergone successful treatment for cancer, his spokeswoman said Tuesday, without specifying the details of the disease.

The cancer "was detected early and he has been surgically cured," spokeswoman Judy Gottlieb told People magazine.

"Dustin is feeling great and is in good health," she added, later confirming the information to AFP.

Hoffman, a two-time Best Actor Oscar winner for "Rain Man" in 1988 and "Kramer versus Kramer" in 1979, will continue with preventative measures to avoid a recurrence, the spokeswoman added.

She did not specify what type of cancer he had or which hospital he was treated in.

The legendary actor has starred in dozens of movies, including "Midnight Cowboy," "Little Big Man," "All the President's Men," "Marathon Man," and "Tootsie."

Wolf found in Netherlands is no joke, scientists say



THE HAGUE (AFP) - The first wolf found in the Netherlands in over 140 years walked there freely from eastern Europe, scientists said Wednesday, dismissing allegations its body had been dumped as joke.

The female wolf has mystified the Netherlands since its body was found by the roadside near the tiny village of Luttelgeest in the north of the country in July.

Some had even suggested that eastern European agricultural workers employed in the Netherlands had brought the wolf from their home country in order to confound the Dutch.

But now a bevy of Dutch scientific and wildlife groups have come together to establish the truth.

The Dutch Wildlife Health Centre (DWHC) said in a statement after a press conference

that "the wolf died from a heavy blow to the head, apparently from being hit by a car."

The wolf was in good health, around one and a half years old and had just eaten some young beaver, the DWHC said in a joint statement with the Naturalis Biodiversity Centre, the Alterra research institute and WolvenInNederland (Wolves in the Netherlands).

The wolf apparently originally came from "eastern Europe, near the Russian border," Naturalis and Alterra said.

It seemingly entered the Netherlands "by natural means" and lived here for some time before being run over, WolvenInNederland and Alterra said.

However, more research needs to be done to be more precise, the groups said.

Spend a fun evening with friends at Barney's

A few months ago, Palm Beach welcomed a cozy new place that offers good food, great prices and a uniquely warm, welcoming ambiance that makes patrons feel as if they are visiting with friends rather than just eating out. Even the name, "Barney's", which was inspired by Barney Rubble of the Flintstones, is an expression of the good humor of its owners and your hosts, Ron and Elina.

Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appetizer and mushrooms stuffed with escargot, priced at \$9.50 and \$8.50, or the Smoked Trout Fillet for a real gourmet treat.

They are particularly popular for their "Build Your Own Barney Burger" using specially imported organic



A place where you feel like you are with friends

beef from Holland, guaranteed to have been raised without steroids or antibiotics, only \$9.50 with fries and coleslaw. Patrons are handed a special hamburger checklist, which features a full menu of toppings, sauces and cheeses to customize your order to create the ideal burger. One can also opt for a

second or third hamburger patty for a very nominal cost.

High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particu-

larly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday

evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a choice five different kinds of schnitzel with sauces and toppings, only \$17.50. Wednesday is fresh grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday enjoy unlimited ribs done three ways honey, smoked or BBQ, for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries. Saturday means endless rib eye steak with coleslaw and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

Barney's is located just next to the huge supermarket on the Palm Beach/Noord road, not far from the gas station. They are open from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and closed on Mondays. Check out their full menu at <http://www.barneysaruba.com> or call 586-5420 for reservations and directions.

La Linda Department Store-where Aruba shops!



Calman and Anna Hochman

--Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very se-

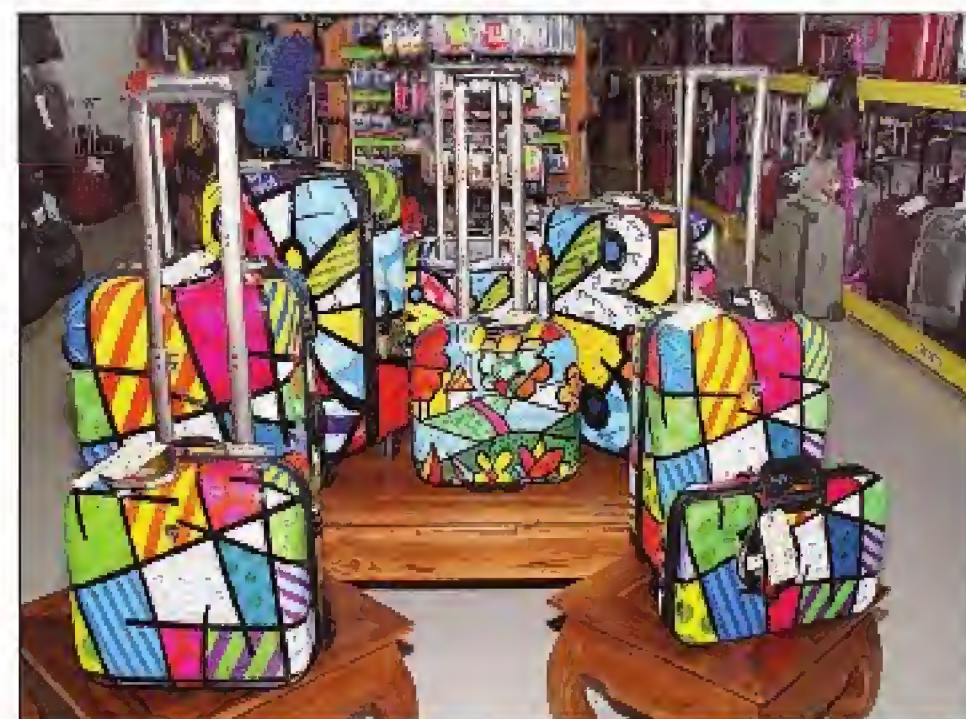
riously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immigrant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, decorative items and more.

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

from all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

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Alex Rodriguez's suspension appealed by the MBA



CHICAGO -- The Major League Baseball Players Association has formally appealed Alex Rodriguez's 211-game suspension.

The New York Yankees slugger was suspended through the 2014 season on Monday when the league penalized 13 players following an investigation into Biogenesis of America, a shuttled Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

The other 12 players accepted 50-game suspensions, but Rodriguez said he planned to fight. Union head Michael Weiner said the punishment for the third baseman was "way out of line."

Rodriguez is allowed to keep playing until Wednesday's grievance is heard by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, who isn't expected to rule until November or December at the earliest.

NASCAR: Bad break for Tony Stewart



CHARLOTTE -- Two days after Tony Stewart broke his right leg in a Sprint Car accident in Iowa, his team's racing director said today that he expects Stewart to miss at least two to three weeks of the NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule, including the Pure Michigan 400 Aug. 18 at Michigan International Speedway.

Stewart, who is currently 11th in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series points standings, sustained the injury Monday night in Iowa. Zipadelli (Stewart-Haas Racing's competition director) said Stewart will undergo a second surgery to repair a broken right fibula and tibia, and Max Papis will drive this weekend for Stewart at Watkins Glen International in the No. 14 Chevrolet. A driver has not yet been selected for the Pure Michigan 400.

His injury again has raised questions about how NASCAR teams grant permission to Cup drivers who race outside the series.

The 10-race, 12-driver Chase for the Sprint Cup concludes Nov. 17.

SPORTS

Tennis: Murray, Nadal make winning returns in Montreal



MONTREAL (AFP) - Wimbledon champion Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal stepped on to a hard court for the first time in five months on Wednesday, with both advancing into the third round of the Montreal Masters.

Second seed Murray shook off his post-Wimbledon cobwebs with a fighting 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) opening win over Marcel Granollers.

The victory -- his 13th in succession -- came just over a month since the Scot made history with a first British Wimbledon men's singles title since 1936.

French Open champion Nadal, seeded fourth, showed no mercy to Canada's Jesse Levine in a 6-2, 6-0 win as the Spaniard returned to action for the first time since his shock Wimbledon opening round loss to Steve Darcis six weeks ago.

Nadal saved three break points while breaking Levine five times in 71 minutes on court.

Murray's victory puts him into a contest against colourful Latvian Ernests Gulbis, a 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 winner over Italian

13th seed Fabio Fognini.

Murray, the champion in Canada in 2009 and 2010, now stands 35-5 on the season after beating Granollers for the third time in four ATP-level meetings.

Fifth seed Tomas Berdych beat Alexandre Dolgoplov of the Ukraine 6-3, 6-4 but Swiss eighth seed Stanislas Wawrinka fell to his good friend, and French practice partner, Benoit Paire, 6-2, 7-6 (7/2).

Wawrinka was the only Swiss in the field after Roger Federer pulled out with a back injury.

Canadians began making the most of their home week, with 71st-ranked Vasek Pospisil following up his defeat of John Isner in the first round by putting out Czech Radek Stepanek 6-2, 6-4 in the second.

Meanwhile Wimbledon semi-finalist Kirsten Flipkens shook off a slow start to beat Venus Williams 6-6, 6-4, 6-2 on Tuesday at the Rogers Cup, spoiling the seven-time Grand Slam champion's return from injury.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	69	46	.600	--
TAMPA	66	46	.589	1.5
BALTIMORE	62	51	.549	6.0
YANKEES	57	55	.509	10.5
TORONTO	53	60	.469	15.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	66	45	.595	--
CLEVELAND	62	51	.549	5.0
KANSAS	57	53	.518	8.5
MINNESOTA	49	61	.445	16.5
CHICAGO	42	69	.378	24.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	64	49	.566	--
TEXAS	64	50	.561	0.5
SEATTLE	52	61	.460	12.0
LA ANGELES	51	61	.455	12.5
HOUSTON	37	75	.330	26.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	69	45	.605	--
WASHINGTON	54	59	.478	14.5
PHILADELPHIA	51	61	.455	17.0
NY METS	50	60	.455	17.0
MIAMI	43	68	.387	24.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
PITTSBURGH	68	44	.607	--
ST. LOUIS	66	46	.589	2.0
CINCINNATI	63	51	.553	6.0
CHICAGO	49	63	.438	19.0
MILWAUKEE	48	65	.425	20.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	62	50	.554	--
ARIZONA	57	55	.509	5.0
SAN DIEGO	52	61	.460	10.5
COLORADO	52	62	.456	11.0
SAN FRANCISCO	50	62	.446	12.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ



The Detroit Tigers have unconditionally released former closer Jose Valverde. The Tigers had designated Valverde for assignment on June 21. He recently accepted an outright assignment to Triple-A Toledo, where he picked up seven saves with a 4.09 ERA in 11 games. The 35-year-old reliever appeared in 20 games for the Tigers this season, dropping his lone decision and pitching to a 5.59 earned run average, despite recording nine saves. In 605 career games with Arizona, Houston and Detroit, Valverde is 26-32 with a 3.19 ERA and 286 saves.

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This weekend Aruba will be in Drag Racing Mode for the One Cool Summer Iron Man Classic

--This weekend the whole island of Aruba will be in drag racing mode for the upcoming One Cool Summer Iron Man Classic race to be held at IHRA sanctioned Palo Marga International Raceway Park August 9th and 10th.

This year the spotlight will be on to Top Dragsters that came from the US to run in the 6 second field and also 3 feminine drivers that are coming to race from Puerto Rico. Last Sunday the official inscription happening took place at the Orange Plaza Mall at Sasaki combined with a car show mini concert.



Tickets to this event are already available at the Fun Miles office at the Dakota Shopping Paradise while you can still get yours free by purchasing a case of Budweiser at your proffered supermarket or liquor store and with your purchase receipt you can collect your free entrance for Friday at the Budweiser distributor next to Wendy's at the L.G. Smith Boulevard.

Besides the participants from the US and Puerto Rico we will also have our local participants participating in the IHRA Summit Super Series categories as well as Top Sportsman, Extreme Import and Pro Bikes in action. Qualifying runs start at 7:00 p.m. for the more than 150 participants that registered last Sunday on both days while eliminations start around 9:00 p.m.

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In other notable match-ups, long-time Celtics Pierce and Garnett return to Boston as Nets on January 26.

The Heat and Pacers, who

staged an epic seven-game Eastern Conference Finals series in 2013, will square off on December 18 in Miami and on March 26 in Indianapolis.



CINCINNATI, OH (AFP): Josh Donaldson #20 of the Oakland Athletics singles to drive in a run in the sixth inning of the game against the Cincinnati Reds at Great American Ball Park on Wednesday in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Reds won 6-5.

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Football: European transfer briefs

PARIS (AFP) - A round-up of European football transfers on Wednesday August 7:

Turkish return for Nigeria striker

Fenerbahce have announced the capture of Nigeria forward Emmanuel Emenike from Spartak Moscow for 13 million euros (\$17.3 million).

It marks an unlikely return to the Istanbul club for the 26-year-old, two years after he left without ever playing a game following a match-fixing scandal.

Emenike had been accused by authorities of faking an injury in May 2011 when at Karabukspor, ruling him out of a match against Fenerbahce, with whom he signed a four-year deal a few days later.

Kazan raid France for rising star

France under-21 international defender Chris Mavinga has signed for Rubin Kazan from Rennes, the Russian Premier League side said.

The club from Tatarstan, back-to-back Russian champions in 2008 and 2009, said the 22-year-old will arrive in Kazan this week.

Last season's Cup winners Kazan currently sit eighth in the Russian Premier League after four matches, four points behind leaders Spartak Moscow.

Tunisian striker set for Marseille switch

Last year's Ligue 1 runners-up Marseille have agreed a deal in principle for Evian's Tunisian forward Saber Khelifa.

Khelifa, 26, netted 13 goals last season as Evian narrowly avoided relegation from the top flight and reached the final of the French Cup, losing 3-2 to Bordeaux.

Meanwhile, Senegalese international Modou Sougou will move in the opposite direction with the 28-year-old joining Evian on a season-long loan.

Nantes swoop for American Gold Cup star

USA international Alejandro Bedoya will sign for newly-promoted Nantes following an impressive display in the the Americans' triumphant Gold Cup campaign, the eight-time French champions announced.

The 26-year-old midfielder will undergo a medical before signing a three-year deal.

Bedoya was out of contract after spending last season in Sweden with Helsingborgs, whom he joined after leaving Rangers following the Scottish giants' demotion to the fourth tier.

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NBA: Rose return to highlight 2013-14 opening night

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The return of Chicago star Derrick Rose will highlight the opening night of the NBA 2013-2014 season, with the Bulls taking on the champion Miami Heat on October 29.

It's one of three games on the slate for the league's opening night, according to the full regular-season schedule unveiled on Tuesday.

Rose missed the entire 2012-13 campaign while recovering from knee surgery

and was on the sideline when the Heat eliminated the Bulls in the second round of the playoffs en route to their second straight title.

The Indiana Pacers will host the Orlando Magic on the opening night undercard, and the third game will be a Los Angeles derby between the Lakers and Clippers.

This year marks the first time the NBA will stage regular-season games in two countries outside of the United

States and Canada in the same season.

The San Antonio Spurs and Minnesota Timberwolves will face off in Mexico City on December 4, and the Brooklyn Nets and Atlanta Hawks will play in London on January 16.

The schedule of 82 games per team sees five contests on Christmas Day, with the Bulls playing against new-look Brooklyn. The Nets have revamped their roster with title-proven veterans Kevin

Garnett, Paul Pierce and Jason Terry, and hired Jason Kidd as head coach just days after the 40-year-old point guard called time on his playing career.

The Oklahoma City Thunder and New York Knicks meet at Madison Square Garden, the Heat visit the Lakers, the Houston Rockets visit defending Western Conference champions San Antonio and the Clippers visit Golden State Warriors on Christmas.

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